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Monday, the 30th of July 1934.
15th of Karkadagam 1109.

The House met at half-past eleven, with C. G. Herbert, Esq., I. C. S., the President, in the chair. Messrs. C. Barton Wright, A. G. Menon, K. G. Nayar, C. A. Ouseph, A. I. Mani, K. Mohamed Seethi and A. R. Menon were absent.

Opening Statement of the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council,—The House has assembled to-day on the first day of the most important session of the year—the Budget Session. The Budget will be presented in detail by the Finance Member to-morrow and I shall not take up the time of the House by discussing it now. There is, however, before us to-day another item of business which is perhaps of even greater importance than the budget. It is certainly of more permanent importance. I refer of course to the debate on the recommendations of the Educational Survey Committee. As Hon'ble Members are aware the Director of Public Instruction after a very exhaustive investigation prepared a report for the information of the Government suggesting certain modifications in the existing system of Education in our State. Those recommendations were considered by a Committee under the Presidentship of Mr. S. K. Subramania Ayyar which was appointed for the purpose and that Committee reported very recently. The proposals are to-day before this House for the purpose of discussion. It is of course a matter of considerable difficulty to debate on such a wide and important subject within the space of one day which is all that it has been possible to allot for the purpose. But I am glad to see that Hon'ble Members have met together and discussed some of these questions at any rate amongst themselves and some of them have come to certain tentative conclusions as regards some of these recommendations. That will of course simplify to-day's discussion. As regards the procedure to be adopted, I think the best method will be to place the whole recommendations of the report before the House for discussion and in order that as many Hon'ble Members as possible may speak it will be necessary strictly to follow the rules regarding the length of speeches, that is no speach should exceed 10

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minutes in length. Unless we observe this rule, I am afraid some Hon'ble Members who may wish to speak will not have an opportunity to do so. I request all Hon'ble Members to be as brief in their remarks as may be consistent with the importance of the subject that is going to be discussed. In conclusion I would ask the Hon'ble Members to support me in the discharge of the duties of the chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Registrar of Co-operative Societies—journey to New Delhi.

1. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies went to New Delhi in 1934 to attend a Conference;

(b) the total amount drawn as travelling allowance for attending the Conference;

(c) whether he has submitted any report or suggestion for improving the co-operative movement in the State as a result of his attending the Conference at New Delhi;

(d) who acted for the Registrar during the period of his absence from the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 314—0—0.

(c) The Proceedings of the Conference have been reported to the Government.

(d) The Head clerk was put in charge of the current duties of the office.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has he submitted any suggestions besides giving to the Government the report of the meeting of the Conference held at Delhi?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. He has made a few suggestions.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are those suggestions and what is the reason for not giving them to the House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question has been answered there. "The Proceedings of the Conference have been reported to the Government."

Mr. K T. Mathew.—My questoin was "whether he has submitted any report or suggestion". The Government have not answered that.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Oh! I am sorry. I think he has made a few suggestions against some of the points raised in the Conference. But they have not been considered yet. We have been waiting for the detailed report and they were received only a week back.

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